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Dear Barbara and Bill,

Received before Christmas, the cover letters were great! They pointed up how much your support of our proposal means. Going straight to Mr. Casey, the reasonable presentation cannot help but win recognition—and acceptance—at the outset. That your experience and convictions, Barbara, parallel ours lends unique credence. I know I speak for all CIA wives when I express my appreciation.

I think that I have never before worked on such an important project—one that will better the lives of many women. By itself, the recognition of the service to CIA by dependent spouses will strengthen the morale of women in posts around the world, now and in years ahead.

Best wishes for the happiest of New Years for you and your family! With your help, 1982 will be the year for a successful conclusion to our proposal, I am sure.

| Sincerely, | |
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